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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF HUNTING LICENSES FOR ANTLERLESS DEER, PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF HARVESTED DEER MEAT TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, REQUIRING A REPORT, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commission shall provide, by rule, for the issuance to a nonresident, of a nonresident antlerless deer hunting license that is valid for use only during the period beginning on December 24, 2003, and ending at sunset on January 2, 2004, and costs fifty dollars. A nonresident hunting deer with a license issued under this subsection shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and shall have a nonresident hunting license and pay the wildlife habitat fee. Pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall make available for issuance only the remaining nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the 2003=2004 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 483A.24A HARVESTED DEER.

1. INTENT. It is the intent of the general assembly in enacting this section, to express its concern to the natural resource commission about the burgeoning deer population in this state, by requiring the natural resource commission to make additional antlerless deer hunting licenses available to encourage hunters in this state to assist the commission in bringing the state's deer population under control.

2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this section:

a. "Department of corrections" means the Iowa department of corrections.

b. "Establishment" means an establishment as defined in section 189A.2 where animals or poultry are prepared for food purposes or where wild deer may be processed or dressed for human consumption.

c. "Public institution" means a state institution listed under section 904.102, subsections 1 through 10, that is administered by the department of corrections.

3. The natural resource commission shall provide, by rule, for the distribution of antlerless deer hunting licenses, annually to resident hunters and to applicants qualified under section 483A.24. The licenses shall be in addition to deer hunting licenses otherwise allocated in this chapter to resident hunters and applicants qualified under section 483A.24 and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive license issued pursuant to section 481A.38. Pursuant to this section, the department shall make available for issuance at least an additional eighteen thousand antlerless deer hunting licenses for resident hunters for 2003=2004 antlerless deer hunting seasons than were available for the 2002=2003 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

4. A resident hunter or an applicant qualified under section 483A.24, who receives an antlerless deer hunting license under this section may deliver the deer harvested with the license to an establishment designated by the department of corrections for processing, packaging, and delivery to locations designated by the department of corrections. Each antlerless deer hunting license issued under this section shall be accompanied by a list of establishments that will accept deer harvested with the license.

5. Each resident hunter or applicant qualified under section 483A.24 shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state. A wildlife habitat fee shall not be required. The commission shall establish, by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 17A, the procedures for allocating the antlerless deer hunting licenses.

6. The department of corrections, may, in cooperation with the commission, contract with one or more establishments to receive, process, package, and deliver the harvested deer meat to the public institutions in the manner specified by the

3 6 department of corrections and at a cost to the department of
3 7 corrections that is competitive with the cost of obtaining
3 8 similar meat products in the private sector.
3 9 7. A person violating a provision of this section or a
3 10 rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple
3 11 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation as provided in
3 12 section 483A.42.

3 13 Sec. 3. REPORT. The natural resource commission, in
3 14 consultation with the department of corrections, shall
3 15 evaluate the results of the deer harvesting program created in
3 16 section 483A.24A, and shall make recommendations suggesting
3 17 improvements to the program and whether the program should be
3 18 expanded to allow receipt of harvested deer meat by other
3 19 governmental agencies and nonprofit entities. The natural
3 20 resource commission and the department of corrections shall
3 21 file a joint report containing their findings and
3 22 recommendations with the legislative service bureau by
3 23 February 1, 2004, for distribution to the general assembly.
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3 33 Speaker of the House
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3 35 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
4 1 is known as Senate File 397, Eightieth General Assembly.
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